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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

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REGISTRATION ACT

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Reference is made to my memorandum dated 4-21-59 concerning the allegation that Cuban Air Force (CAF) was in possession of Photostat of report of SA George E. Davis, Jr., of Miami Office containing signed statements furnished by Daniel Vazquez.

Miami airtel 4-28-59 advised that MM 635-S accompanied by Major Marcos Diaz Lanza and Captain Alfredo Guerra of CAF had returned to Miami 4-26-59 after accompanying Fidel Castro in the United States prior to Castro's departure for Canada. While rooming with Guerra for several days, MM 635-S observed two copies of signed statements totaling about 30 pages which had been given to SAs Robert James Dwyer and George E. Davis, Jr., in Miami. These statements were kept in Guerra's brief case. One statement appeared to be possibly a carbon copy of the original and the other a typewritten copy; however, they did not appear to be in any type of report form of the FBI. Guerra allegedly had these statements with him on a recent visit to the Pentagon and may have exhibited them to military representatives in Washington. MM 635-S attempted to secure these statements from Guerra during the several days he and Guerra were in Miami together, but was unsuccessful. Informant and Guerra departed for Cuba 4-27-59.

MM 635-S also advised that upon arrival in Cuba, Guerra will succeed Captain Raul Cros as chief of Intelligence Section, CAF, and he, the informant, is being named assistant to Guerra. Informant feels he can secure these statements and plans to bring them to the Miami Office when he returns in four or five days if this can be done without detection.

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It appears very possible that the CAF has not actually obtained a copy of a FBI report but has secured copies of signed statements furnished the FBI by Vazquez. Since a copy of each statement was furnished to Vazquez at his request, it is quite possible that CAF has surreptitiously obtained these copies from Vazquez. Vazquez has not been interviewed concerning the copies in his possession pending development of additional data and in view of information from MM 635-S, it does not appear that Vazquez should yet be interviewed. MM 635-S

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is apparently entering into an excellent position not only to secure the statements in question but also, as assistant to the chief of intelligence, CAF, to furnish extremely valuable information to the FBI in the future. It is not believed that any action should be taken at the present time which could possibly compromise MM 635-S.

ACTION:

This is for your information. We are continuing to follow this matter very closely to bring it to a logical conclusion as quickly as possible.

RS
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